Integrated Pest Management Technology for Tobacco cultivation

4063. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CTRI, Rajahmundry, has developed Integrated Pest Management Technology for Tobacco cultivation;

(b) if so, whether the new methods have been propagated in West Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the outcome of such efforts amongst tobacco famrers in the said district?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir. Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI) has developed Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Technology for major pests of tobacco.

(b) Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in tobacco is being propogated in West Godavari District by conducting on-farm demonstrations and educating the farmers at farmers' mectings organised by the CTRI in collaboration with Tobacco Board, Andhra Pradesh State Department of Agriculture and other State agencies. The technology is also being popularised through mass media such as Radio, TV, Newspaper and distribution of pamphlets in Telugu.

(c) The IPM Technology has been well received by the tobacco farmers and is becoming popular in West Godavari District. Farmers are also convinced about the profitability of IPM approach. Inputs such as Nuclear Polyhydrosis Virus (NPV), Neem Seed Kernal suspension, castor seed etc. which are the components of the IPM are being provided by CTRI.

Press reports regarding the Principal R.E.C., Silchar

4064. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the consistent adverse press reports about the functioning of the Regional Engineering College, Silchar; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Regional Engineering College, Silchar is managed by a Board of Governors, with Minister for Higher Education, Government of Assam as its Chairman and representatives of the State and Central Government, industry experts and other eminent persons. Such matters primarily fall under the purview of the Board of Governors who have taken cognisance of this.

कृषकों के लिए रियायतें तथा सहायता

4065. **श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) कृषकों को दी जा रही रियायतों और सहायता का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान उन्हें कितनी धनराशि की ऐसी रियायतें और सहायता उपलब्ध करायी गई;

(ग) क्या सरकार इस धनराशि को बढ़ाने पर विचार कर रही है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

कृषि मंत्री (श्री चतुरानन मिश्र): (क) किसानों को उर्वरकों, बिजली सिंचाई जैसे आदान मूल्यों तथा ऋण के माध्यम से राजसहायता दी जाती है। इसके